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### INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International application No. PCT/US01/02309	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 24 JANUARY 2001</div> <div>(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 24 JANUARY 2000</div> </div>
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- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- ☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 7A

- ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
- ☒ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
- ☐ None of the figures.

**Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)**

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

**NEW ABSTRACT**

A bus system (200) and an imager (204) for transferring signals from a plurality of signal streams to an output includes a plurality of signal buses (214, 216) in parallel and a control system (220, 230). The control system multiplexes the signals from two or more of the plurality of signal streams onto two or more of the plurality of signal buses and allows the signals to substantially charge each of the two or more of the plurality of signal buses before demultiplexing the signals to the output. A method for transferring signals includes multiplexing signals onto two or more of a plurality of signal buses and allowing the signals to substantially charge each of the two or more of the plurality of signal buses before demultiplexing the signals to an output.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) :H01L 27/00

US CL :250/208.1, 214R, 214LS; 348/302, 306, 308, 311, 317, 322, 294

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,635,705 A (SAUNDERS) 03 June 1997 (03/6/97) see entire document.	1-7,10-15,21-26 and 29-31
Y		7-9,16-20,27 and 28
A	US 4,590,609 A (CHEVALET et al) 20 May 1986 (20/5/86) see entire document.	

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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